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SOUTHERN JACKSON COUNTY



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

May 25, 2022

Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Attn: Jim Lewis, Chair  
155 North 1st Street  
Central Point, OR 97502

*Re: Support for Jackson County planning study for Eagle Mill Road improvements*

Dear Mr. Lewis,

I am reaching out to express my support for Jackson County's application for a planning study regarding the improvement of Eagle Mill Road from South Valley View Road to Oak Street. The existing road is narrow with no shoulders to support use by pedestrians or bicyclists, or to provide recovery room for minor missteers by motorists. These shortcomings contribute to a high crash rate, including a fatality, and discourage multi-modal use.

Eagle Mill Road is a frequently used route to access the freeway into and out of Ashland, and I regularly see bicyclists using the road for transportation, recreation and exercise. I have had constituents contact me with their concerns regarding hazards they have experienced there and pleading for help in obtaining improvements.

This proposed project will add shoulders to the road, providing safe space for pedestrians and bicyclists and recovery room for motorists, which should significantly reduce crashes and improve the multi-modal function of the road. RVMPO's approval of this application will certainly advance these improvements towards fruition. In addition, it will help the community to become more climate-friendly by fostering use of non-motorized transportation.

My sincere thanks for your consideration.

Best regards,

Representative House District 05  
Southern Jackson County